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The Office of Legislative Counsel was established as an Independent Office with responsibility for all congressional matters arising in connection with the official business of the Agency. This function was formerly headed by the Deputy General Counsel who also carried the title Legislative Counsel.

President Johnson's appointment of Vice Admiral Rufus L. Taylor as Deputy Director was confirmed by the Senate on 7 October 1966, without a dissenting vote.

Various Agency legislative proposals submitted to the 89th Congress were consolidated in a single bill and reported by the House Armed Services Committee; the bill passed the House but was not acted upon in the Senate. With the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, it was resubmitted in the 90th Congress and is awaiting action in both houses. The proposal updates the Agency Retirement System in accordance with legislative changes in the Civil Service and Foreign Service Retirement systems, removes the \$50 per consultation limitation on payment to advisory and consultant personnel, and amends basic Agency legislative authority for travel, medical care, claims and similar housekeeping-type programs.

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The invitation extended by the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee to the Senate Majority Leader and the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Foreign Relations Committee to participate in meetings of the CIA Subcommittees has quieted the most vocal of the pressures in the Senate to change the legislative oversight of the Agency. The attendance of these Senators has caused little change in the conduct of the meetings.

The program of inviting Senators and Congressmen to the Agency for general briefings and discussions with senior officials has contributed substantially to better understanding of the Agency by the Congress.

Various legislative inquiries required continuing Agency attention during the year. Notable among these are bills relating to restrictions on the use of the polygraph and audio devices, and invasion of privacy of the federal employee. Pressures for across-the-board legislative action in these somewhat related fields are continuing to grow, and if enacted without appropriate exemption would affect Agency investigative and security review activities adversely.

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